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1. [REDACTED]
2. IN EARLY DECEMBER, [REDACTED] INFORMED [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] A REPRESENTATIVE [REDACTED] OF THE CHILEAN COMMITTEE FOR PEACE [REDACTED] REQUEST THAT HE STATE IN WRITING THAT THE HEALTH OF LAURA A L L E N D E, WHO WAS ARRESTED ON 4 NOVEMBER, WAS SO GRAVE THAT SHE SHOULD BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY AND ALLOWED TO DEPART CHILE. [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE WANTED TO INCLUDE THE STATEMENT IN MATERIAL HE WAS SENDING TO THE UNITED NATIONS. [REDACTED] SAID HE TOLD THE INDIVIDUAL THAT HE COULD NOT ISSUE SUCH A STATEMENT

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BECAUSE ALLENDE'S HEALTH WAS EXCELLENT.

3. THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT IS VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ALLENDE'S PHYSICAL CONDITION, AND THE IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE ON CHILE'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HER WHILE SHE IS IN CHILEAN CUSTODY. AS A RESULT, THE GOVERNMENT HAD A COMPETENT PHYSICIAN GIVE HER A THOROUGH PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, WHICH INDICATED SHE IS IN EXCELLENT HEALTH [REDACTED] 1.5 (C)

[REDACTED] IN ADDITION, CHILEAN OFFICIALS MAINTAIN THAT ALLENDE IS RECEIVING A MEDICAL CHECK EVERY THREE DAYS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ALLENDE, WHO IS THE MOTHER OF ANDRES P A S C A L ALLENDE, HEAD OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR), WAS ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF ARMS. THE COMMITTEE FOR PEACE IS AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELIGIOUS LEADERS' COMMITTEE CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AND REFUGEE PROBLEMS).

4. [REDACTED]

5. DURING THE WEEK OF [REDACTED] DECEMBER, [REDACTED]

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SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED TO RELEASE ALMEYDA IMMEDIATELY IF THE LATTER WILL AGREE TO REMAIN IN CHILE AND WILL SWEAR ON HIS HONOR THAT HE WILL NEITHER PARTICIPATE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES NOR MAKE ANY KIND OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

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COMMENT:

REPORTED THAT

TOLD THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) THAT HE FAVORED A POLICY OF RELEASING IMPORTANT POLITICAL PRISONERS ON THE CONDITION THEY WOULD REMAIN IN CHILE AND REFRAIN FROM POLITICAL ACTIVITY.) SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS SUCH A PLEDGE FROM PRIOR TO RELEASING HIM BECAUSE IT IS CONCERNED THAT HE WOULD BE USED TO FORM A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE.

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6. MRS. IRMA ALMEYDA, WHO SAID THAT WHILE THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE WOULD BE FAVORABLE TO HER HUSBAND AS FAR AS PHYSICAL CONDITIONS WERE CONCERNED, SHE WAS NOT SURE HE WOULD ACCEPT THE TERMS. COMMENT: IT IS IN INTEREST TO CONVINCE ALMEYDA TO ACCEPT THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFER, AS HE WOULD THEN BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR ARRANGING THE RELEASE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT

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DETAINEE OF THE FORMER POPULAR UNITY GOVERNMENT, WHICH WOULD HELP  
HIS POLITICAL FUTURE.)

7. [REDACTED]  
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